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SUMMARY. THE APRIL 28 ISSUE OF THE PRC'S RESTRICTED DIGEST OF FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS CARRIES APRIL 26 ICA AND AP REPORTS ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DR. BRZEZINSKI'S MAY 20-23 VISIT TO THE PRC AS ITS LEAD ITEM. THE EXCERPTS UNDERSCORE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENTS THAT BRZEZINSKI IS COMING TO PEKING TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, HE WILL NOT NEGOTIATE OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES, NOR PREPARE THE WAY FOR A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO PEKING. END SUMMARY.

1. THE APRIL 28 EDITION OF "REFERENCE NEWS", THE PRC'S RESTRICTED DIGEST OF FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS, HIGHLIGHTS PRESS REPORTING ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DR. BRZEZINSKI'S MAY 20-23 TRIP TO CHINA. EXCERPTS FROM APRIL 26 ICA AND AP REPORTS NOTE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN POWELL'S STATEMENT THAT THE TRIP IS NOT A NEGOTIATING SESSION AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON A BROAD RANGE OF
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WORLD ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN. INCLUDED IN THE ICA STORY ARE POWELL'S COMMENTS THAT THE TRIP "INSOFAR AS HE KNOWS" IS NOT INTENDED TO PREPARE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO PEKING AND THAT THE VISIT IS NOT INTENDED TO SEND A MESSAGE "TO OTHER NATIONS." THE AP ITEM ALSO STATES: "EVEN THOUGH NIXON AND FORMER PRESIDENT FORD VISITED CHINA, A HIGH LEVEL CHINESE

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LEADER HAS NOT VISITED THE UNITED STATES." NEITHER
REPORT MENTIONS THAT PRZEZINSKI WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO
JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA.

2. ALSO INCLUDED ARE LENGTHY DIGESTS OF FOREIGN
COMMENTARY REGARDING PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEUTRON BOMB
DECISION (APRIL 25 REPORTS FROM HONG KONG'S MING PAO,
UPI AND TA KUNG PAO, THE HORN OF AFRICA, IL'ICHEV'S
RETURN TO PEKING, AND A FULL PAGE DEVOTED TO TOURISM
IN CHINA (AN APRIL 4 LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE BY
LINDA MATHEWS, AN APRIL 20 HONG KONG "KUAI PAO" STORY
AND A JAPANESE NEWS REPORT.)

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